Manufacturing of new and efficient types of boilers by BHEL

1352. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Natural and Forced Circulation Boilers presently being manufactured by BHEL are now considered obsolete because of rapid technological advances elsewhere;

(b) whether there is any proposal to switch over to the manufacturing of new and efficient types of boilers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof including forms of technology, likely date of production and the installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) To meet the future needs of the country for higher rating boilers above 500 MW, BHEL is planning to upgrade the technology in consultation with Central Electricity authority and Electricity Boards/ Power Corporations.

Contents of the letter from National Confederation of Officers' Association

1353. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter from the National Confederation of Officers' Association of Central Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, what are the contents thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The contents relate to various general issues like criticism of public sector undertakings for the non-performance, delay in appointment of Chief Executives, corruption, Wage and Salary structures in Public Sector Undertakings etc. The Government is aware of all these issues.

1354. [*Transferred to the 10th May, 1988*].

Problem of industrial sickness

1355. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) total number of sick industrial units—large scale, medium scale and small scale, separately in the country, Statewise at the end of December, 1987;

(b) the State-wise number of persons rendered jobless in large scale, small scale and medium scale sectors as a result of sickness;

(c) what are the factors responsible for this sickness; and

(d) how Government propose to tackle this serious problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. The latest data available from RBI is upto December, 1986 only. The latest State-wise data as available from RBI is given in the enclosed statemene (*See* below).

(b) The information on unemployment due to sickness is not being maintained.